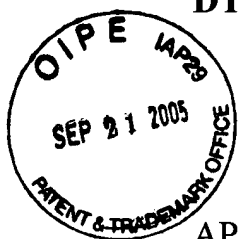


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: Thomas Reichenberger  
SERIAL NO.: 10/616,544  
FILED: July 9, 2003  
FOR: DRILL STAND FOR A CORE DRILLING MACHINE  
EXAMINER: Jamila O. Williams Group: 3722

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2005 (a request for one-month extension of time being enclosed), in which the Examiner objected to claim 9 for informalities therein, rejected claims 1, 7, and 8 as being unpatentable over the prior art, and indicated that claims 2-6 and 9-12 would become allowable upon having been rewritten in independent form.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 2-6 and 9-12 is noted and appreciated. However, applicants believe that rewriting of these claims

in independent form is not necessary as they depend on a claim earnestly believed to be allowable over the prior art.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: